

# Academic Degrees and Certificates

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Laramie County Community College offers students four degrees and numerous certificates of completion:

- Associate of Arts Degree (AA)
- Associate of Science Degree (AS)
- Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS)
- Associate Degree of Nursing (ADN)
- Credit Diploma
- Certificate of Completion

### **The Associate of Arts Degree (AA) and The Associate of Science Degree (AS)**

These degrees prepare students for transfer to a baccalaureate degree program. The Associate of Arts degree is designed for students pursuing arts, humanities, social sciences and education areas. The Associate of Science is designed for students pursuing sciences, technology, agriculture, engineering, business and mathematics. Baccalaureate programs vary considerably; therefore, students are urged to obtain specific information regarding requirements of the transfer institution and the assistance of an LCCC advisor.

### **The Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS)**

This degree is designed for students planning to enter the workplace upon degree completion. This degree has substantial applied coursework associated with the fields of study.

The AAS degree typically can be transferred into a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree at some colleges and universities. Courses within the AAS degree programs may be accepted at a four-year college or university if the student is transferring into degrees other than the BAS. Students anticipating transfer are encouraged to consult with an advisor and carefully check the requirements of the institution and program into which they plan to transfer.

### **The Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN)**

This degree is designed for students pursuing nursing. This degree has substantial applied coursework and allows the student to enter the workplace upon degree completion. The ADN degree typically can be transferred into a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree at some colleges and universities. Students anticipating transfer are encouraged to consult with an advisor and program faculty to carefully check the requirements of the institution and program into which they plan to transfer.

### **Certificate of Completion**

The Certificate of Completion is a program of applied study primarily designed to prepare students for immediate employment or advancement in a job indicated by the certificate title, and provides eligibility to sit for state or national licensing or certification exams. Certificates of

Completion include general education as outlined in Board of Trustees Policy 2.2, except for post-baccalaureate options, and must meet a minimum requirement of 30 credits.

### **Credit Diploma**

The credit diploma is designed to prepare students for immediate entry into or advancement in the workplace. This credential is granted to a student upon completion of a list of academic credit courses, which is less than either an associate degree or a certificate of completion. Credit Diploma is a very short program of study, between 12-29 credits with the expectation that it can be completed in two academic semesters.

Students desiring to further their education are encouraged to submit their certificates, licenses or transcripts to the Office of the Registrar for evaluation. As many as 49 semester hours may be applied toward an Associate of Applied Science degree for previous technical training and experience.

Laramie County Community College cooperates with various public and private institutions so that transfer students may be granted the maximum possible number of credits for technical training. The additional courses needed to complete an Associate of Applied Science degree are taken from LCCC and are selected based upon published degree requirements and the advisor's recommendations.

In those cases in which course work is transferred and applied toward certificates or licensure, students may be asked to demonstrate competency.

## General Education Completion

### **General Education Transfer Block**

The LCCC General Education Transfer Block is the designation for the completion of the LCCC General Education Core and assists in transfer to a baccalaureate program. The Transfer Block carries no specific designation of field of study and is incorporated within all LCCC Associate of Arts (AA) and Associate of Science (AS) degree programs. The LCCC Transfer Block is designed to align with the general education requirements of partnering universities and in many cases transfers as completion of the receiving institution's general education core. Students do not pursue the Transfer Block as a stand-alone program, but rather satisfy the requirements along the pathway to completing an AA or AS degree.

### **Interstate Passport**

The Interstate Passport enables successful transfer of a block of lower-level general education learning to other institutions participating in the Interstate Passport Network. Students who complete their Passport at LCCC will not be required to repeat course work to meet lower division general education requirements in the Passport's nine areas when they transfer to a participating institution in another state. LCCC began transcribing the Interstate Passport following the Fall 2016 semester. Students with an interest in achieving the Passport should contact their Advisor.